

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A window blind comprising:
a headrail adapted to be fixedly mounted on a top side of a window;
a blind body suspended below said headrail and movable by an external force to change window shading status;
a linking mechanism mounted inside said headrail and having a power input device rotatable by an external force, and an actuator rotatable with said power input device and connectable to said blind body for moving said blind body to further change said window shading status upon rotation of said power input device; [[and]]
a driving control mechanism having a suspension rod and a controller, said suspension rod having a top end coupled to said power input device and a bottom end downwardly spaced below said headrail at a distance and provided with a connecting portion, said controller having a connecting portion connectable to the connecting portion of said suspension rod for enabling said suspension rod to be driven by said controller to rotate said power input device[[.]]; and

wherein said driving control mechanism further comprises a protective sleeve sleeved onto said suspension rod and axially movable along said suspension rod between a first position where the connecting portion of said suspension rod is disposed outside said protective sleeve, and a second position where the connecting portion of said suspension rod is received inside said protective sleeve.

2. (Original) The window blind as claimed in claim 1, wherein said controller is a three-segment crank handle comprising a first driving rod, a second driving rod, and a third driving rod respectively pivotally connected to one another in series.

3. (Original) The window blind as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connecting portion of said controller is a polygonal coupling hole; the connecting portion of said suspension rod is a polygonal rod member fitting the polygonal coupling hole of said controller.

4. (Original) The window blind as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connecting portion of said suspension rod is a polygonal coupling hole, and the connecting portion of said controller is a polygonal rod member fitting the polygonal coupling hole of said suspension rod.

Claim 5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The window blind as claimed in ~~claim 5~~ claim 1, wherein said protective sleeve has an inside stop flange, which stops against a part of said suspension rod to stop said protective sleeve from falling out of said suspension rod when said protective sleeve moved to said second position.

7. (Currently Amended) The window blind as claimed in ~~claim 5~~ claim 1, wherein said suspension rod has a polygonal male coupling portion, and said protective sleeve has a polygonal female coupling portion, which receives the polygonal male coupling portion to guide axial movement of said protective sleeve along said suspension rod.

8. (Original) The window blind as claimed in claim 1, wherein said controller comprises a motor, and a transmission rod coupled to said motor, said transmission rod having a free end forming the connecting portion of said controller.

9. (Original) The window blind as claimed in claim 8, wherein said controller further comprises a power source, which provides said motor with the necessary working power, and a plurality of control switches, which control the operation of said motor.